# **Education Conference 2023**

**Digital Transition and Inclusion in Education:** An Agenda for Action

18 - 21 May 2023 Nicosia, Cyprus MEETING VENUE: University of Nicosia Main Campus











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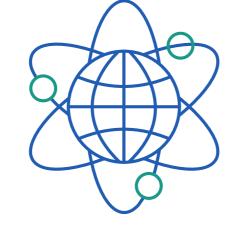
Professor Panayiotis Angelides, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, University of Nicosia

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- Professor Elena Papanastasiou, Dean of the School of Education, University of Nicosia
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### **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:**

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### UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA MAIN CAMPUS 46 MAKEDONITISSIS AVENUE, CY-2417, NICOSIA, CYPRUS

### AIRPORTS

#### 1. LARNACA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT "GLAUKOS KLIRIDIS"

Located in Larnaca, 53km south of Nicosia. There are two options to navigate from the airport to Nicosia; either by taxi, or by the Kapnos Airport Shuttle.

### NAVIGATION

#### ΤΑΧΙ

For taxi services you may contact Mr. Antonis Hadjipolycarpou at 00357 99529036 (special price for UNIC) or any taxi service from the airport.

#### AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Kapnos Airport Shuttle is a private airport shuttle company that offers daily routes from their station in Nicosia to the two international airports of the island and back at Kyrinias Street, Nicosia, as well as a route between the two airports. Booking your seat is mandatory and you can do it using the following link

https://kapnosairportshuttle.com. From their station in Nicosia, you can then take a taxi to navigate within the city.

| THU | 18 MAY | 19:00 - 21:00 |
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| FRI | 19 MAY | 09:00 - 16:00 |
| SAT | 20 MAY | 09:00 - 13:00 |

#### 2. PAPHOS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Located in Paphos, 145km west of Nicosia. There are two options to navigate from the airport to Nicosia: either by taxi, or by the Kapnos Airport Shuttle.

#### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Public transportation in Nicosia is provided by the Cyprus Public Transport company that offers a variety of bus routes within the city as well as to the rural areas of Nicosia. More information, bus routes, tickets and schedules either on the following link www.publictransport. com.cy or by downloading the application "Pame App" that is available for both iPhone and Android.

### HOTELS

IT IS RECOMMENDED TO CONTACT THE HOTELS DIRECTLY FOR YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION RATHER THAN USING ANY BOOKING PLATFORM.

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S: €170 D: €200 T: €230

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#### **CENTRUM HOTEL** 3\*

- Q 00357 22 456 444
- info@centrumhotel.com  $\smile$
- 15 Pasikratous Street, 1011, 0 Nicosia, Cyprus

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S: €79
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OPTION 1: Walk 550m towards Eleftheria Square (Omirou Avenue), take bus number 41 towards the Makario Stadium and stop at the University of Nicosia stop.

OPTION 2: Take a taxi to the University of Nicosia (4.8km).





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**OPTION 1**: Walk 1.2km from Semeli Hotel to Digeni Akrita Avenue, take bus number 42 towards Makario Stadium and stop at the University of Nicosia stop.

OPTION 2: Take a taxi to the University of Nicosia (6.4km).





**OPTION 1**: Walk 400m towards Eleftheria Square (Omirou Avenue), take bus number 41 towards the Makario Stadium and stop at the University of Nicosia stop.

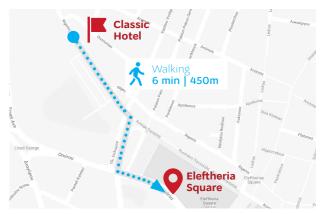
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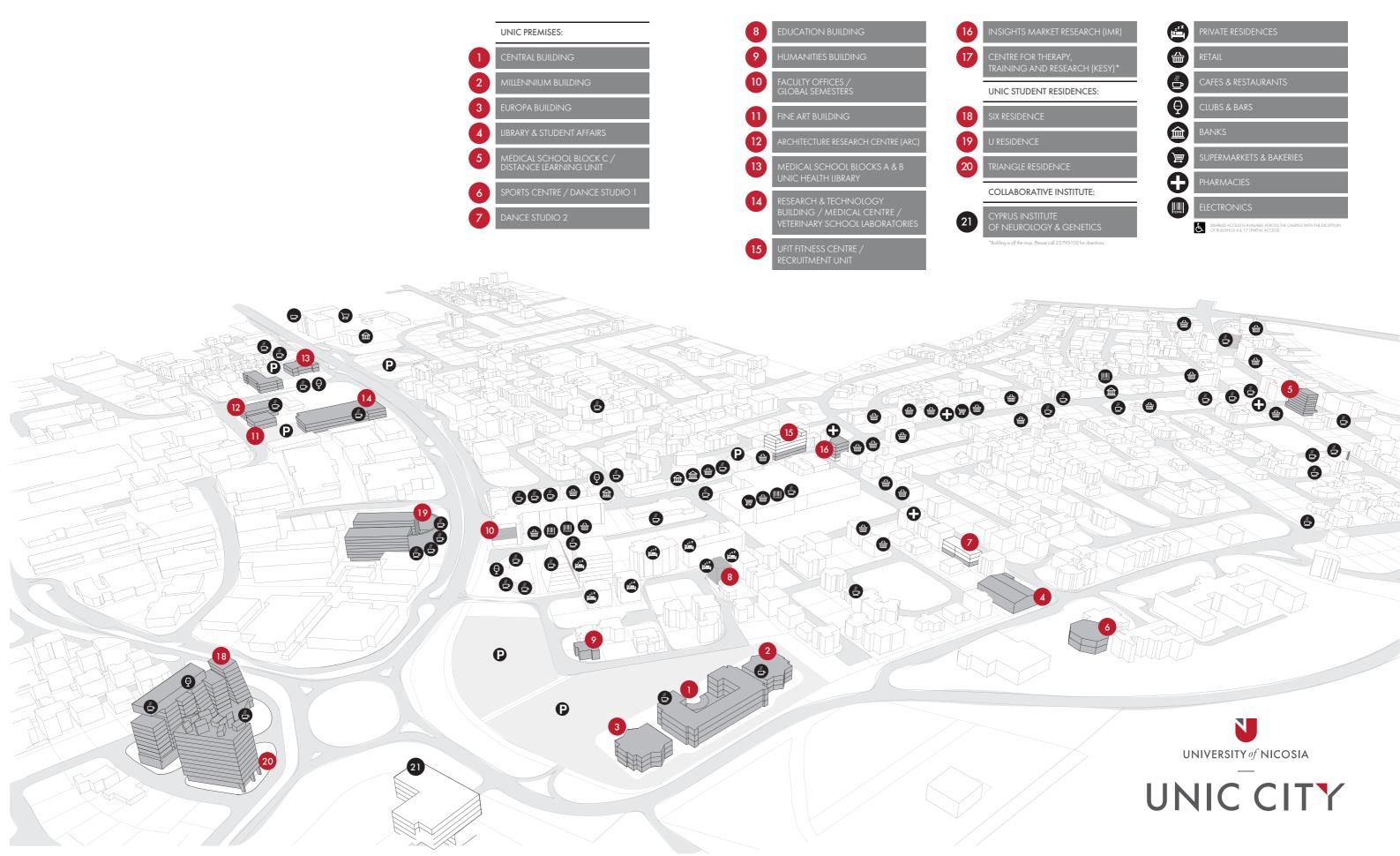
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- 3 Kanari Street, Agios Dometios, 0 2368, Nicosia, Cyprus
- P S: €140 D: €150 T: €180

OPTION 1: Walk 2.1km towards the University of Nicosia.

OPTION 2: Take a taxi to the University of Nicosia (2.1km)







### EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2023 MAY 18 – 21, 2023



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## PROGRAMME

### **THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2023**

Registration and Welcome Cocktail - Block Restaurant, 19:00 - 21:00 University of Nicosia

### FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2023 **UNESCO AMPHITHEATRE**

| 8:45 - 9:00   | Registration  |
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| 9:00 - 9:30   | <ul> <li>Welcome Addresses</li> <li>Professor Philippos Pouyioutas, Rector, University of Nicosia</li> <li>Lord Sonny Leong, Chair, Council for Education in the<br/>Commonwealth</li> <li>Dr Joanna Newman, Chief Executive and Secretary General,<br/>Association of Commonwealth Universities</li> <li>Mr Irfan Siddiq OBE, British High Commissioner to Cyprus</li> <li>Mr Philippos Hatzizacharias, Deputy Minister of Research,<br/>Innovation and Digital Policy</li> <li>Dr Terpsa Konstantinidou, Director of the Directorate of Higher<br/>Education of the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth.</li> </ul> |
| 9:30 - 10:15  | <b>Keynote Speech</b><br>Sir (Professor) Peter William Mathieson, Principal and Vice-<br>Chancellor, University of Edinburgh<br><i>"Sharing Best Practices Across Universities"</i>   |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | <b>Keynote Speech</b><br>Professor Catherine Bachleda, Vice-Chancellor, University of Gibraltar<br>"A digital transformation challenge: dealing with ChatGPT"   |
| 10.45 - 11.15 | Coffee Break  |

| 21:00         | Dinner - "To Anamma" R  |
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| 18:30 - 20:30 | Walking Tour of Nicosia   |
| 15.00 - 16:00 | Round Table Discussion<br>"How have the Vice Char<br>digital technology, to del<br>pandemic."<br>Chair:<br>Dr Joanna Newman, Chief<br>Sir (Professor) Peter Willia<br>Chancellor, University of<br>Professor Catherine Bach<br>Gibraltar<br>Professor Ian Greer – Vice<br>Belfast<br>Professor Philippos Pouyi<br>Professor Alfred J Vella, R |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | Keynote Speech<br>Professor Charalambos V<br>(Center for the Advancem<br>Educational Technology)<br>"AI, XR, and the Metave<br>Transformation"  |
| 13:00 - 14:30 | Lunch   |
| 12:15 - 12:45 | Keynote Speech<br>Mr Mark Crossey Assista<br>Engagement Universities<br>"How will digital transfo<br>higher education? An ove<br>opportunities, and challe  |
| 11:45 - 12:15 | Keynote Speech<br>Dr Stelios Mavromoustak<br>Management of Europear<br>"Erasmus+:International N  |
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### SATURDAY, 20 MAY 2023 JEAN MONNET AMPHITHEATRE

### Parallel Sessions

| 9:00 - 11:10  | Session 1 – RED Amphitheatre, Millennium Building<br>Session 2 – BLUE Amphitheatre, Millennium Building<br>Session 3 – YELLOW Amphitheatre, Millennium Building<br>Session 4 – TURQUOISE Amphitheatre, Millennium Building   |
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| 11:10 - 11:40 | Coffee   |
| 11:40 - 12:30 | <ul> <li>Discussions of Conference outcomes</li> <li>Chair: Professor Panayiotis Angelides, Vice Rector for<br/>Academic Affairs, University of Nicosia</li> <li>Rapporteur of Conference Day1 - Dr Andri Vrioni, Director,<br/>Pedagogical Support Unit</li> <li>Rapporteur Parallel Session 1 - Dr Christiana Karousiou,<br/>School of Education, University of Nicosia</li> <li>Rapporteur Parallel Session 2 - Dr Panagiotis Kosmas,<br/>CARDET</li> <li>Rapporteur Parallel Session 3 - Dr Elena Xeni, CARDET</li> <li>Rapporteur Parallel Session 4 - Dr Lefki Kourea, School of<br/>Education, University of Nicosia</li> </ul> |
| 12:30 - 13:00 | General Discussion<br>Closing Session Conference Recommendations<br>Professor Panayiotis Angelides, Vice Rector for Academic<br>Affairs, University of Nicosia<br>Farewell<br>Professor Philippos Pouyioutas, Rector, University of Nicosia  |
| 13:00         | Lunch  |

### SUNDAY, 21 MAY 2023

9:00 - 18:00 Optional excursion







